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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

Dr. Kissinger:

I cabled the information below to you this afternoon but as the cable may not have reached you on the plane, I am repeating the information via this note to ensure that you are aware of it.

I met Ismail's aide here this morning as previously planned. He informed me that Ismail wanted to see me and we later met in Ismail's hotel suite in the Crillon.

Ismail informed me of a last-minute change of plans on his end, as a result of which his first meeting with you cannot be held before 20 May. Ismail completes his French visit 18 May as previously planned. Then however he will be obliged to fly to Madrid the afternoon of 18 May because he now has a morning appointment with Franco 19 May. After his meeting with Franco and one subsequent session with Lopez-Bravo, Ismail will then fly back to Paris for his meetings with you. He will arrive in Paris early evening 19 May. He is hopeful that he and you can hold morning and afternoon sessions Sunday 20 May. He is also willing to hold an evening session 20 May in addition to morning and afternoon sessions if the third session is necessary and you so desire. He will also be available to meet you 21 May if you desire. He will be returning directly to Cairo after his talks with you are finished. The above change of plans occurred because the Spanish informed him at the eleventh hour in Cairo that Franco will be leaving Madrid 20 May for some considerable period of time and therefore the only possibility for an appointment for Ismail with Franco was 19 May.

It was agreed with him that I will meet him at the airport here when he comes in from Madrid the evening of 19 May and will take him directly to the meeting site where he will spend the night of 19 May per the previous plan. He will therefore be there and ready whenever you are able to arrive at the meeting site 20 May, assuming that 20 May is acceptable to you. In other words, if 20 May is acceptable to you, our basic scenario will remain unchanged, it will simply be deferred one day.

Ismail was to begin his French visit with a call on Pompidou at 1600 hours 16 May. He reiterated that he would inform Pompidou at that time of his subsequent meeting with you here.

Ismail advised me of one other change. Their ambassador in Paris, Dr. Abdullah Arian will not participate in the talks with you as he previously indicated to me. Instead he will be assisted by their Ambassador to Helsinki, Gamal Barakat, who has been working on temporary duty in Ismail's office in Cairo for the past few months on leave from his post in Helsinki.

I am able to contact Ismail's party at any time in order to convey any message from you pertaining to the foregoing.



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